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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Akimasa OHTA, Hisaharu SAKAMOTO  
ELECTRONIC MAIL CERTIFYING METHOD AND ELECTRONIC MAIL  
CERTIFYING SYSTEM USING THE SAME  
**Assignee: NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q67827

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 15 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	4 - 3	=	1	x	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
Base Fee							\$740.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$824.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$864.00</b>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$824.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-002001	January 10, 2001

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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